(c) the target for disinvestment fixed for the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The targets for mobilisation of resources through disinvestments during 1995-96 and 1996-97 were Rs. 7000 crores and Rs. 5000 crores respectively, whereas the realisations in these years were Rs. 168 crores and Rs. 379 crores. For 1997-98, the target has been fixed at Rs. 4800 crores. The shortfalls were due to a variety of factors, including market conditions.

Industrial growth in first two months of current fiscal year

2089. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the industrial growth in the first two months of current fiscal years;

(b) whether it is falling;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(d) the steps Government are taking to stop the decline in the industrial growth?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As per the Quick Index of Industrial Production released by CSO, the industrial production recorded a growth of 9.8 per cent in April, 1997 as compared to 8.1 per cent in April, 1996. The index for May 1997 is under compilation by C.S.O.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Industrial growth is continuously monitored and necessary initiatives are taken from time to time to keep up the

Consultancy and infrastructural facilities in Maharashtra

2090. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing consultancy and infrastructural facilities in Maharashtra to develop SSI sector in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these steps of Government have increased the number of SSI units in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) other measures being taken by Government to develop SSI sector in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Central Government besides setting out the policy framework for promotion and development of small scale industries also supplements efforts of State Government by rendering certain support services by way of conultancy, technical services, creation of infrastructure, training and entrepreneurship development etc.

(c) to (e) There are two Small Industries Services Institutes in Maharashtra located at Mumbai & Nagpur which provide training, technical consultancy and other services to the existing and prospective entrepreneurs in the region. The Institute for Design of Electrical Measuring Instruments, Mumbai renders service to the instrument industry to meet their requirement of design and testing of electrical instruments. Assistance has been provided for setting up a Sub-Contracting Exchange through Non-Governmental Organisation in Maharashtra State. One Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre was also sanctioned by Government of India in September, 1994 in Yeotmal district under the scheme of Integrated Infrastructural Development. Further National Small Indu-ri-

assistance, export & marketing assistance of SSIs established a Sub Office in Nagpur in addition to its Regional Office in Mumbai. These measures are in addition to incentives offered by Govt. of Maharashtra by way of sales tax exemption, refund of octroi/entry tax, refund of electricity duty concession in capital cost of power supply and contribution towards feasibility studies. These meaemes have contributed to the increase in the number of registered SSI units in Maharashtra from 59953 in 1991 to 104410 in 1996.

Delay in the issue of notification to raise investment limit for SSIs

2091. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are thinking of raising the investment limit for small scale industral units to Rs. 3 crores as recommended by the Abid Hussain Committee and announced in the Budget Session by the Finance Minister;

(b) if so, when the requisite Notification would be issued as required undei the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act 1951;

(c) whether Government are aware that delay in raising the investment limit is adversely affecting the growth of production; and

(d) the total number of SSI units in the country and how many of them are sick units?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Government have taken a decision to raise the investment limit on plant and machinery for the small scale/ancillary units from Rs. 60/75 lakhs to Rs. 300 lakh as recommended by the Abid Hussain Committee. The draft notification in this regard has been laid on the Tables of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 20th and 21st March, 1997 respectively. The notification will be issued after the expiry of the stipulated period of its laying in the Parliament as required under Sub-section (3) of the Section 11B of the IDR Act 1951.

(c) No such adverse effect on growth of production due to delay in raising the investment limit has come to the notice of the Government. In any case, provisions of the law need to be complied with before the issue of notification.

(d) The total number of registered SSI units in the country is 28.57 lakhs (Provisional) (1996-97), of which 2,62,376 are reported to be sick units (up to March 1996).

उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्र से उद्योगों के लिए कच्चा माल

2092. श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी : क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों से मैदानी क्षेत्रों के उद्योगों के लिए कौन-कौन से कच्चे पदार्थों की आपूर्ति की जा रही है ;

(ख) क्या उत्तराखण्ड क्षेत्र (कुमांयू और गढ़वाल मण्डल) में उत्पादित कच्चे माल पर आधारित किसी उद्योग की स्थापना उत्तर प्रदेश में की गई है अथवा करने का विचार है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन) : (क) अनेक प्रकार के वन आधारित उत्पाद जैसे—लीसा, जड़ी, -बूटियां और लकड़ियों में जैसे-खैर, पापुलर, हल्दू, कंजू सेमल, तुन एवं एलेन्थस आदि की उत्तर-प्रदेश के पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों से मैदानी क्षेत्रों में आपूर्ति की जा रही है ।